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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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MATTIE FARMBRY,

Plaintiff,

-against-

NMU PENSION & WELFARE PLAN,

Defendant.
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Case No.: 05 CV 6526 (JGK)(GWG)

NOTICE OF REMOVAL

Bronx County Civil Court
Small Claims # SCB 2030/05

Defendant NMU Pension & Welfare Plan (the "Plan"), by its attorneys, Proskauer Rose LLP, pursuant to the provisions of 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331, 1441 and 1446, respectfully give notice of the removal of this action from the Civil Court of the City of New York, Bronx County, and states as follows:

1. This action was commenced on or about June 28, 2005 under Small Claims Index Number SCB 2030/05, in the Civil Court of the City of New York, Bronx County. No further proceedings have been had herein. A true and correct copy of the Notice of Claim and Summons to Appear is annexed hereto as Exhibit 1.

2. This action is being removed to federal court because it seeks to recover certain pension benefits from the Plan, which is an “employee benefit plan” within the meaning of and governed by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (“ERISA”), 29 U.S.C. §§ 1001 et seq.

3. ERISA preempts the state law claims alleged in plaintiff’s Notice of Claim and provides the exclusive remedies for recovery of benefits claimed under employee benefit plans. ERISA § 502(a)(1)(B), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(a)(1)(B).

4. This court has original “federal question” jurisdiction over this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331 and 29 U.S.C. § 1132(e) and (f). As a civil action founded on a right or claim arising under the laws of the United States, this action is properly removable to this Court pursuant to the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 1441, et seq.

5. This Notice of Removal is being filed within thirty (30) days after receipt by the Plan of the Notice of Claim and Summons to Appear and is timely filed under 28 U.S.C. § 1446(b).

6. Promptly after filing this Notice of Removal, a true copy of this Notice will be filed with the Clerk of the Civil Court of the City of New York, Bronx County as required by 28 U.S.C. § 1446(d).


8. Written notice of the filing of the Notice of Removal will be given to Plaintiff pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446(d).

9. By filing this Notice of Removal, the Plan does not waive any defenses which may be available to it.

WHEREFORE, Defendant respectfully requests that this action proceed in this Court as a matter properly removed thereto.

Dated: New York, New York
July 19, 2005

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TO: Mattie Farmbry
1882 Grand Concourse, #4-A
Bronx, New York 10457

Pro Se Plaintiff

Exhibit 1

51 GRAND CONCOURSE
BRONX, NY 10451-2937

SCB 2003/08
T. Amica Addressed to:
NMMU PENSION & WELFARE PLAN
350 WEST 31ST ST.
NEW YORK, NY 10001-

NOTICE OF CLAIM
WILLIAM C. BROWN

The Claimant asks Judgment in this court for
together with interest and disbursements, on the following claim:

TOGETHER WITH INTEREST ON THE LOAN TO RECOVER MONIES ARISING OUT OF FAILURE TO PAY BENEFITS OF SPOUSE BENEFIT

CV-8C-55 Fude (1103)

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NOTICE OF CLAIM and SUMMONS TO APPEAR

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT
This is the start of a lawsuit against you. It should not be ignored. Your default may have serious consequences.
YOU MUST BRING THIS NOTICE WITH YOU EACH TIME YOU APPEAR IN COURT ON THIS CASE.
This action is scheduled for a Hearing to be held in the courtroom.

SUMMONS TO APPEAR

351 Grand Concourse (Room B123)
Bronx, New York 10451 (Basement)
On Monday, August 1, 2005 at 6:00 PM

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CLAIMANT

CASE TYPE SMALL CLAIM

SMALL CLAIM

MATTIE FARMERY #4-24
1862 GRAND CONCOURSE,
BRONX, NY 10457--

INDEX NUMBER

15
1975

DEFENDANT

MMI PENSION & WELFARE PLAN
360 WEST 31ST ST.
NEW YORK, NY 10001-

A Guide to Small Claims Court is available at the court listed above.

ESTA INFORMACIÓN ESTÁ DISPONIBLE EN ESPAÑOL EN LA CORTE

CIVIL COURT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK
SMALL CLAIMS PART
851 GRAND CONCOURSE

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STATE OF NEW YORK)

ss.:

COUNTY OF NEW YORK)

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AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE

Jesus Hernandez, being duly sworn, deposes and states:

1. I am not a party to this proceeding, am over 18 years of age, and reside in Kings County, New York.

2. On July 19, 2005, at approximately 4:20 pm, I served the **NOTICE OF FILING OF NOTICE OF REMOVAL; NOTICE OF REMOVAL; INDIVIDUAL PRACTICES OF JUDGE JOHN G. KOELTL; INDIVIDUAL PRACTICES OF MAGISTRATE JUDGE GABRIEL W. GORENSTEIN; CONSENT TO EXERCISE OF JURISDICTION BY A UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE OVER DISPOSITIVE MOTIONS DESCRIBED UNDER 28 U.S. 36(b)(1)(B); NOTICE, CONSENT, AND ORDER OF REFERENCE-EXERCISE OF JURISDICTION BY A UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE; GUIDELINES FOR ELECTRONIC CASE FILING; 3rd AMENDED INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILING AN ELECTRONIC CASE OR APPEAL; PROCEDURE FOR ELECTRONIC CASE FILING; ANSWER date 7/19/05**; by leaving said documents for Ms. Mattie Farmbry at 1882 Grand Concourse Apt. 4-A, Bronx, New York 10457.

A description of the door is as follows:

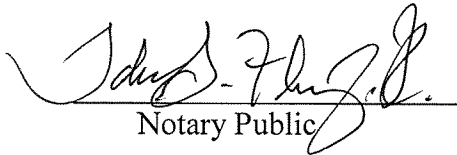
A light grayish metal door with peephole with a handle and key assembly.

3. Deponent also states that on Tuesday, July 19, 2005, Deponent served the aforementioned documents upon, Ms. Mattie Farmbry, by depositing a true and correct copy thereof, enclosed, in a securely sealed, fully post paid, First Class mail envelope, in an official depository under the exclusive care and custody of the U.S. Postal Service within the State of New York, addressed to the herein named witness as follows:

Ms. Mattie Farmbry
1882 Grand Concourse, Apt. 4-A
Bronx, NY 10457

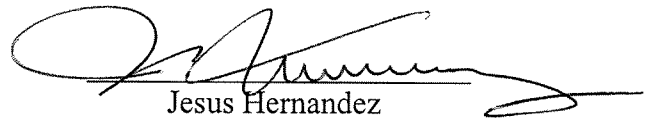
4. Said envelope bore the legend "Personal and Confidential" and did not indicate on the outside thereof, by return address or otherwise, that the communication was from an attorney or concerns an action against the addressee.

Sworn to before me this
19th day of July, 2005



Notary Public

JOHN G. FLEMING, JR.
Notary Public, State of New York
No. 01FL6072661
Qualified in New York County
Certificate filed in New York County
Commission Expires April 8, 2006



Jesus Hernandez
License No. 0779094